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In re Patent Application of:
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For: SIMPLIFIED METHODS FOR MAKING ROLLED
AL-ZN-MG ALLOY PRODUCTS, AND
RESULTING PRODUCTS

Customer No.: 30678

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2008, Applicant submits the following election.

The Examiner requires restriction of the application to one of the following groups of claims:

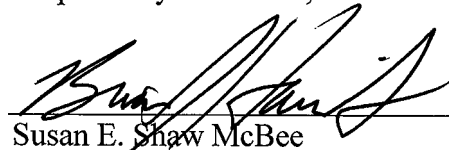
- I. Claims 1-10, 22 and 26, drawn to a process for making an Al-Zn-Mg plate; and
- II. Claims 11-21, 23-25 and 27-32, drawn to a plate product.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-10, 22 and 26 for examination on the merits, without traverse. Applicant, however, reserves the right to rejoin withdrawn claims where appropriate as set forth under the guidance of *In re Ochiai*.

Applicant believes that with the present election of Group I, the application is now in order to proceed to examination. Applicant does not believe a fee is due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0528 (Attorney Docket No.: A240 1180.US).

Respectfully submitted,

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